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"We're a very different team shaved and rested."

Matt Kinney

Student Charged With Stalking, Sexual Abuse

By MARK H. RODEFFER
Editor-In-Chief

A Mary Washington College student was charged Oct. 25 in Fredericksburg General District Court with sexual abuse, stalking and assault and battery against a student at the college.

A female freshman filed a criminal complaint with the Fredericksburg magistrate Oct. 25, charging that James Deeley, a sophomore transfer student from William & Mary, has continually sexually harassed her since the beginning of the semester and sexually abused her on Aug. 28 at a meet-the-faculty program for freshmen and transfer students.

"He repeatedly brushed his hand all the way up along my derriere after I repeatedly told him to stop," the accuser, who asked that her name be withheld, told The Bulletin in an interview.

On the advice of his attorney, Deeley declined to comment for this article.

George Yates, Deeley's attorney, said that Deeley may have made unwanted advances toward the accuser, but that he is not guilty of the charges.

"She certainly didn't run to the magistrate right away," Yates said. "She waited a month, and then she said, 'Oh, he sexually assaulted me a month ago.'"

Fredericksburg Judge John Stevens issued a restraining order on Oct. 26 commanding Deeley not to come within 100 yards of the accuser with "no exceptions."

"The judge told [Deeley], even if means you have to miss classes, fail classes, or not go in your dorm, stay away from [the accuser]," said a friend who appeared in court with the accuser and asked to remain anonymous.

Yates said that Deeley has complied with the restraining order and will continue to.

"He's been asked to stay away from her and that's what he's been doing. He just wants to go to school and get his degree. If he's bothered her, we'll apologize," Yates said.

According to the accuser, Deeley has violated the restraining order. "I was coming out of Trinkle [Tuesday, Nov. 7], and as he walked by me he gave me the death stare," she said. "But the only reason I haven't been to the police is because unless he comes up to me or threatens me, they're not going to do anything."

The charges brought against Deeley on Oct. 25 are not his first brush with the law. Last year, he was charged with two felony

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RAs Will Likely Have Roommates Next Year

By JORDY KEITH
Assistant News Editor

Beginning next fall, resident assistants at Mary Washington College will most likely have permanent roommates for the entire year. If that happens, some current RAs said they will not reapply for their position.

"It's really difficult to talk about at this point because we're not sure about how we're going to deal with the demand," Christine Porter, director of residence life and housing, said. "Do I think it's likely that RAs will have roommates next year? Yes."

Porter, however, could not confirm

that the roommate situation will definitely be in place next year.

Paul DiPlacidi, a junior and an RA in Alvey Hall, said that Porter told some RAs during an in-service held last week that they should expect to have permanent roommates next year, instead of temporary roommates which many RAs had this year due to the college's overcrowding.

Although the final decision will not be made until February, some RAs said that the high chance that they will have a roommate next year has helped them to decide not to reapply for the position.

"The idea of having a roommate for

my senior year is not something I'm looking forward to," Sean Walsh, a junior RA in Madison Hall, said. "I'd be more likely to apply if I was guaranteed not to have a roommate."

DiPlacidi, who also is not reapplying, said he feels the same as Walsh.

"Part of the attraction of being an RA is, while you have to do a lot, you have your own space," he said.

Since the beginning of the school year, many RAs have been living with transfer students or freshman roommates because of the increase in enrollment at the college and the increase in the number of upperclassman who remained residential students this year. Throughout

the semester, some roommates of RAs have relocated as spaces became vacant in other residents' rooms. Currently, 23 out of 91 RAs are still living with a roommate.

Porter acknowledges that placing roommates with RAs this year has caused some conflict, and said that most of the complaints came from the RA perspective.

"It's difficult when you're in a service profession and you're around people all the time and there's no place of retreat for you, it's a challenging situation," Porter said.

Matt Hoell, an RA in



Senior Victoria Pyle (right), pictured with her roommate sophomore Kelly McDonald in their Ball Hall room, is one of 23 RAs with a roommate.

Jordy Keith/Bulletin

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AD To Resign After One Semester

By BRIAN DEMOSS
Staff Writer

Kristin McPeak, assistant director of residence life, is resigning from Mary Washington College in December. Her departure will leave the college with only two assistant directors, creating doubts about the amount of help Residence Life will offer students.

McPeak, who came to the college in March to fill a vacant position, decided to take a new position at the University of Illinois at Chicago as the area coordinator of leadership starting in January 2001.

McPeak's responsibilities at Mary Washington College include supervision of six residence halls: Ball, Custis, Madison, Westmoreland, Randolph, and Mason. In addition, she advises student groups, works with Honor Council and judicial affairs, and supervises head residents and resident assistants.

"I came to Mary Washington because the size was similar to my last college [Webster College], but unlike Webster, I was given a chance to be in a large residence," McPeak said. "I enjoyed the opportunities to interact with colleagues and Mary Washington allowed more interaction with a greater number of students."

Though McPeak said she enjoyed Mary Washington College's working environment, she felt that she could not afford to let the job at the University of Illinois at Chicago pass her by because



Corey Byrnes/Bulletin

AD Kris McPeak talks with RA Kristy Bartle. McPeak is taking a job at the University of Illinois.

she is 32 years old and this her 10th year in the field of residence life.

"It is the job of a life time. I am able to do all the things I love without some of the responsibilities that I won't miss here, such as judicial reviews," McPeak said. "Plus, after 10 years living in campus housing, I enjoy the opportunity to live in an off-campus apartment," McPeak said.

Although Residence Life has begun a search to fill McPeak's position, they are scrambling to find a replacement.

"I know it is a tough timing but I'm trying to help Residence Life find a replacement and complete all the tasks that need to be finished before someone new comes to the college," McPeak

said. Cedric Rucker, dean of student life, believes that McPeak's departure will be filled by the beginning of the 2001 spring semester.

"The college has placed position listings in both Black Issues and The Chronicle of Higher Education and our goal is to have someone in place by January," Rucker said.

The position requires a master's degree in student personnel service, higher education administration, or related fields, and offers a salary of \$23,500.

Christine Porter, director of residence life and housing, said

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Country Left Wondering As Florida Recounts Ballots

By RYAN HAMM
Assistant News Editor

The tedious process of recounting every presidential ballot cast statewide in Florida that has left the nation on the edge of its seat began on Wednesday. The candidate that wins Florida in this historically-close election will become the next president of the United States.

Republican George W. Bush, the Texas governor, was thought to hold a narrow lead over his opponent, Democrat Al Gore, in

support Elian Gonzalez staying in the country hurt him too."

Jaime Harper, a member of the College Republicans, was surprised by the situation. "I think it is the craziest thing that has ever happened in politics," Harper, a senior, said. "I think that Bush will end up winning though."

Harper said that Nader is one of the reasons the race is so close.

"Nader definitely played a part in the closeness of the race because he did not run,

Gore would have had a lot better chance in winning the race," Harper said.

College Democrat Brandon Robinson, a junior who is for Gore, feels that the main problem is the Electoral College.

"The first thing we need to do is get rid of the Electoral College because it elects a president that is not necessarily

elected by the majority of the voters," Robinson said. "There are some really fishy things going on down there in Florida."

Robinson also feels that Nader is the root of Gore's problem.

"I think Nader is an absolute spoiler and I think what he did was ridiculous," he said.

"Despite this fact, I still think there is a slight chance that Gore is going to win."

Stephen Farnsworth, assistant professor of political science, said the race will have long term consequences.

"When it all ends up being solved, this is something that the losing side will find hard to accept," Farnsworth said. "This was an election full of problems."

The Florida Secretary of State's Office said the count could be completed early Thursday evening.



Florida will pick the next president.

Student Faced Previous Charges

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offenses, but both charges were later dismissed. As well, Deeley was found guilty earlier this semester of sexual harassment in a college judicial proceeding.

A student who lived with Deeley recently circulated a petition requesting that Deeley be removed from a campus residence hall, and other students have questioned why Deeley was admitted to the college given his past criminal charges.

Deeley was charged in York County, Va. on June 4, 1999 with attempted rape and penetration with an animate object, but the charges were dismissed. Yates said that the case went to trial, but that the prosecution failed to present enough evidence to try Deeley, and the judge dismissed both charges on Nov. 4, 1999.

According to Yates, the alleged victim in the case was a student at Deeley's high school in York County who alleged that he had inserted his finger in her vagina and tried to rape her.

Sometime after the charges were dropped, Deeley left William & Mary, where he was enrolled at the time. Yates said he did not know why Deeley left the school, and an official at William & Mary's Office of Student Affairs said that the college cannot release information regarding the circumstances under which a student leaves the school.

A week before the accused brought criminal charges against Deeley, the college's Student Conduct Hearing Board found Deeley guilty of sexually harassing the student.

With the Oct. 18 guilty verdict, the college placed an active avoidance policy between the two, which prevented them from having contact or communicating with each other.

The accuser alleges that Deeley continued harassing her. She said he repeatedly followed her around campus, stared at her chest and waited for her outside buildings on campus.

"Today, October 25, at the Candlelight Vigil for victims of sexual assault and [domestic] violence he walked by my friend and I, at which point he glared at us like he [was] going to kill us," she wrote in her criminal complaint. She said that after the incident, she went to college police and that a residence life official asked Deeley to leave the vigil.

Deeley was arrested the same day and led out of Mason Hall in handcuffs by a college police sergeant. Deeley was released on a \$2,500 bond and arraigned the following day. His trial date is set for Nov. 30.

The stalking charge is unfounded, Yates said.

"Stalking requires that there be some reasonable fear of physical harm. There's no evidence of that," he said.

The accuser said she fears Deeley might hurt her.

Yates said he believes that the student filed the charges just to get Deeley to leave her alone.

"[Deeley] was interested in this young lady and she wasn't interested and maybe he just didn't pick up the signals," Yates said. "She's charging him with sexual assault. That would be tantamount to you dating a young lady and after you've dated her, a month later, she says you made some sort of unwanted sexual advance to her a month ago."

The accuser said she never dated Deeley.

The accuser's friend, who was with her at the Candlelight Vigil and was her advocate at the Student Conduct Hearing Board trial of Deeley for sexual harassment, said the college administration "has been tripping over its toes to try to cover this up and try to protect [Deeley]."

According to the friend, Cedric Rucker, dean of student life, said that Deeley did not violate the active avoidance policy at the Candlelight Vigil.

"We were told by the administration, by Dean Rucker, that since [the Candlelight Vigil] was a special event, active avoidance didn't mean anything," the friend said.

Rucker declined to comment on the specific incident and could not say if there are any situations when an active avoidance policy is not in effect.

"Active avoidance is mutual. So students should seek to avoid contact. But I cannot speak to specific situations," Rucker said.

Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, said that both parties in an active avoidance policy can attend a public event.

"You could easily have an event where both people are present and as long as they're not communicating and there's no physical contact, there is no violation of an active avoidance policy," said Chirico, who also declined to discuss the specific situation.

The accuser said that she feels that Deeley violated the active avoidance policy at the Candlelight Vigil. At the college's sexual harassment trial of Deeley, the accuser said she was told that under an active avoidance policy, she and Deeley were not allowed to be in each other's presence.

"He has to leave the premises to avoid contact, and he did not leave the premises," the accuser said.

In additions to allegations about violating the active avoidance policy, Deeley faced problems in his residence hall. After students in Cusis Hall, where Deeley had been living with a resident assistant since arriving at the college in August, complained to Christine Porter, director of residence life and housing, that Deeley made them uncomfortable, Deeley was moved to Mason Hall, a freshman residence hall.

Porter said the move had nothing to do with the complaints about Deeley.

"It was part of the process of moving students from temporary housing to non-temporary housing," she said.

After learning of the charges, Dave Rickey, who became Deeley's roommate when Deeley was moved from Cusis Hall to Mason Hall, circulated a petition to have Deeley removed from Mason Hall.

"It really disturbed me," Rickey, a freshman, said. "I was really frightened by the whole thing. It matched up with the rumors I'd been hearing."

Rickey, who described Deeley as very intelligent, wrote the petition and went door-to-door in Mason Hall on Sunday, Nov. 5 and in three hours collected 154 signatures. Mason Hall houses 195 students.

The two became friends, and Deeley moved into Rickey's room one day before his arrest. After the arrest, Rickey said that he stayed in the rooms of friends in other residence halls and did not return until Deeley moved off campus Monday. Rickey said he did not know why Deeley left or where he went.

"I really worry about him," Rickey said. "I hope he can get the help he needs and everything works out for him. But I'm still afraid of him."

Chirico declined to comment on why Deeley is no longer living on campus.

Yates said he is not sure of the exact details regarding Deeley's moving off campus, but said that he is still a student at the college.

"As a result of [the criminal charges], he may have been asked to leave the dorm. That's my information. It's a terrible situation. We have a young man who is a very good student; he's very bright. He just wants to get his education like anybody else. I don't want to have James Deeley ostracized from the college community," Yates said.

Chirico said that if a student is criminally convicted, that student could be barred from living on campus permanently or could be expelled from the college.

"If a student is convicted, the college has the option to review the situation and make a determination whether that person should remain on campus," Chirico said.

The accuser said that given the past charges against Deeley, he should not have been admitted to Mary Washington College.

"I think it's an outrage letting him go to a mostly girls school when he left William & Mary under iffy pretenses," she said.

Mary Washington College's application for admission asks applicants if they have been convicted of a crime or suspended or expelled from any school or college.

"It's a yes or no question. If they check yes, they're supposed to explain the particulars," said Martin Wilder, vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions.

Wilder said he did not know and by law could not release the details of Deeley's application, but said that because Deeley was acquitted, the criminal charges he faced last year would not have affected his admission.

"You can't deny educational opportunity based on an accusation," Wilder said. "It has to be based on a proven matter of law."

Some RAs Will Not Reapply Because Of Roommates

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Randolph who also attended the in-service, said that his residents do not feel that they can come to him whenever they need to because he has a roommate.

"As an RA, I need some degree of privacy more than everybody else," he said.

Although having a roommate can present privacy and confidentiality issues for an RA, Porter still believes that with roommates, RAs have been and will continue to be able to perform their jobs successfully.

"I think it's going to be a challenge because it's new," Porter said. "At other schools in the country, their RAs have always had roommates and for them it's a non-issue."

According to Doug Howell, assistant director of residence life and housing at Longwood College in Farmville, Va., RAs there have always had roommates

and the college pays for the RAs' room and board. Howell noted that RAs sometimes have roommate conflicts due to the situations that RAs and their roommates experience.

At James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., only a small number of the RA staff has roommates, according to Jim McConnel, senior director of residence life at JMU. The RAs are compensated with a yearly stipend of approximately \$5,000.

DiPlacidi and others said that they think Mary Washington College RAs should receive more pay or a deduction on room and board for if they're forced to have roommates. RAs currently receive between \$2,846 and \$3,069 per semester, depending on how long they have held the position. As of now, Porter said she does not know whether RAs will receive an increase in pay or any other benefits next year.

"Part of being able to do your job well is having your own time and space," DiPlacidi said. "Having your own room is a form of payment. The incentive for being an RA is becoming less and less."

Porter said it is still unclear whether RAs will choose their roommates for next year, or if they will be placed with transfer students again. She is currently gathering input from members of the Residence Life staff and hopes to get some feedback from the RA Council, a committee consisting of an RA from every residence hall, before the final decision is made.

"Whatever we do will be with a great deal of current staff input," Porter said.



Christine Porter, director of Residence Life.

File Photo

Res Life Will Function With 2 ADs

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that the timing of McPeak's resignation was not the best, but shouldn't be too much of a problem.

"Her departure is unusual in that it is in the middle of the year, but when she told me that she was interviewing for the position in Chicago, I immediately got my ducks in a row and told Human Resources to prepare themselves," she said.

Porter and McPeak both said that positions in higher education, such as assistant directors, are transitional.

Scott Eckhardt, who has been an AD for three years at Mary Washington College, agreed.

"[The] position is not a permanent position, it is a position of growth and that is the nature of the position," Eckhardt said. "This position is a

stepping stone for higher administrative positions."

Eckhardt himself said that he currently is looking for a new position and is always in search of advancement in his career.

Some students feel the rotation in Residence Life could generate negative effects for on campus living.

"I am concerned with the transition this late in the semester and the effect the transition of staff [will have], but I feel there will be an equal distribution of work within Residence Life," said Cory Kegerise, head resident of Randolph Hall.

Mari King, a senior RA in Ball Hall, said she is also concerned.

"I think it is hard for continuity with the programs when there is such a high

turnover," she said.

Porter said the effect of the departure on students is a primary concern.

"If the college does not fill the position immediately, it will be a challenge for the staff but someone will fill the position by the end of the year. The students are our major concern," Porter said.

McPeak understands the dismay but felt confident that the situation is one that can be handled.

"This is not the ideal situation for everyone, it means that the head residents and the entire staff are going to have to work harder," she said. "I know some of the students feel funky about me leaving but I just want them to come talk to me and explain their frustrations."



Compiled by Ryan Hann

British Politicians Aroused By Margaret Thatcher, According To Study

Scientists at the University of the West of England found that 80 percent of British members of parliament who took part in a recent study were aroused when shown pictures of former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Thatcher's steely gaze turned on more of the politicians than images of a scantily clad TV reporter, two women kissing, a semi-naked man and a looming surgeon's knife. Kathy Sykes, a science consultant involved in the experiment, told BBC Radio on Friday, "Not a single [member of Parliament] said they were sexually aroused by Mrs. Thatcher. But then, I suppose, it is not really the sort of thing you'd admit, is it?"

Clinton Names Mideast Panel

On Tuesday President Clinton named former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell to lead an inquiry into the violence that has plagued the West Bank and Gaza. Clashes have continued between Israel and the Palestinians, with each side accusing the other of true violations. Warren Rudman, a New Hampshire Republican, and three European leaders will join Mitchell, a Maine Democrat who was Clinton's mediator for Northern Ireland. Jake Sievert, White House press secretary, said that the committee would work with the two sides to "provide an independent and objective review of the current crisis with the goal of preventing its recurrence."

Seinfeld's A Daddy

Comedian Jerry Seinfeld and his wife Jessica Sklar, a 29-year-old public relations executive, became parents of a baby girl Tuesday. Sascha Seinfeld was born at a New York hospital, where "both parents and baby are doing great," according to Elizabeth Clark, a spokeswoman for the comedian. Seinfeld, 46, and Sklar were married in December. This is the first child for the couple.

Hillary Wins Nasty, Costly Race

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who moved to New York last year, easily defeated Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., to claim the state's open U.S. Senate seat. Most polls gave Clinton a slight edge going into election day. Dominating in heavily Democratic New York City and winning some conservative areas upstate, Clinton overcame Lazio's "carpetbagger" charges to win the spot being vacated by Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Wildfires Rage In The Blue Ridge

Two major wildfires in the Linville George Wilderness Area are burning thousands of acres of forest in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Several hundred fire fighters from all parts of the country are battling the fires, which have been burning since last week.

Police Beat

By JORDY KEITH
Assistant News Editor

Nov. 2—Grand larceny occurred on College Avenue. The incident is under investigation.

Nov. 5—Eric Herring, 18, was charged with drunk in public on the porch of Mason Hall.

Nov. 5—Paul Stepanick, 20, was charged with underage possession of alcohol in the Randolph

Hall parking lot.

Nov. 5—Destruction of property occurred in Jefferson Hall. The incident is under investigation.

Nov. 6—Petit larceny occurred on College Avenue. The incident is under investigation.

Viewpoints

your opinions

True Democracy?

It is a sad fact that the leader of the free world can be elected to office even if more people in the country voted for his opponent. But Vice President Al Gore may be facing this very situation because of the Electoral College.

When the founding fathers created the experiment in democracy called the United States of America, they feared what the "common man" would do to society if he had a direct way to participate in government. Back then, only members of the House of Representatives were elected directly by the people. U.S. senators were chosen by state legislatures and the president was selected by the Electoral College.

Under this system, the people vote for electors that each state receives based on its population, who then in turn elect the president. Electors win based on a "winner take all" basis, meaning that the candidate who gets more votes than any other candidate in the state receives all of the state's electors. To become president, a candidate must win a simple majority of electoral votes.

The likelihood that George W. Bush will be elected president despite the fact that the Gore won more votes is a horrid illustration of why the Electoral College must go.

First, it is outdated. Voters are better educated and our democracy is more stable than when the Constitution was written. The Electoral College seems to have been created to safeguard the interests of the elite class of society by making sure they have the final say in politics. Few concepts could be more undemocratic.

Second, abolishing the Electoral College could increase voter participation. With participation in the past two elections hovering around 50 percent, turnout could use a boost. The Electoral College causes many voters to think of how their state is going to vote, often times making them feel that their opinion does not matter. If the president were elected based on the popular vote, every vote would matter, especially in cliff-hangers like this year's election, and voter turnout would almost undoubtedly increase.

Third, the system puts the real decision-making power into the hands of a few. In the current election, a few thousand residents in Florida will pick our next president despite the fact that a majority of the over 100 million Americans who voted may not agree. As well, the Electoral College gives disproportionate power to small states, because all states get at least three electoral votes—giving more power to conservative rural interests.

Hopefully, America will learn from this election that it is time to move beyond the antiquated Electoral College. Earlier this century, democracy in America was expanded with 17th Amendment, which called for the direct election of senators. It is time for a constitutional amendment to abolish the Electoral College.

Resistance To Language Requirement Emerges

DAVID MARSHALL
Guest Columnist

The language requirement at Mary Washington College is far too difficult. I realize that as a newspaper representing the entire campus, *The Bulletin* is obligated to give all perspectives. However, as an independent student I will simply tell you what the true story is and not use *The Bulletin's* technique of giving equal time to the 99 percent of the school that agrees with me and the 1 percent that does not (whom I might add are either language professors or have the last name Sanchez).

Instead of praising Ryan Hamm for printing the hard facts and then criticizing him for backing down by providing the severe minority with equal opinion space as the vast majority, I would like to relate my own story in response to his Sept. 28 article ["Students Bemoan Difficult Foreign Language Requirements"].

As an English major, I am saturated with reading. However, it is impossible to keep up with both the reading for advanced English courses and study adequately for a Spanish course. The result is what every student who doesn't live in the library and takes a Spanish class has experienced: doing just enough to get by, learning very little and caring even less.

The night before my first Spanish quiz I sat in the library trying to stuff 40 pages of useless information into my brain. As I attempted to learn the Spanish word for ticket window

(it's *ventanilla* by the way) I had an epiphany: what would happen if I don't go to class tomorrow? The idea filled me with such happiness that 30 seconds later I was out the library door. I have only set foot in a Spanish classroom once since then, to have my withdrawal slip signed.

I can only think of one way to describe my life since that day. I am a born-again student. I have not once dozed off out of sheer boredom and hatred of a subject. When I go into a classroom now it's because I want to be there and I care about the subject. I enjoy learning for the first time in a long time because I am finally in charge of my own destiny. I have chosen to attend my classes and none of them have been forced upon me.

The most incredible thing about the language requirement is that it is one institution on this campus which would be absolutely demolished in a democratic election.

There are students like myself who have no interest in foreign language and resent that fact that it steals our time from more interesting subjects.

There are language majors who resent the fact that they are surrounded by students who absolutely have no interest in the subject and make a mockery of their passion.

There are professors who witness their students lose interest in all forms of learning as the language requirement forces them to spread themselves so thin that they are neither passionate nor prepared in any class.

There is the administration which witnesses students transfer every year to colleges which have far less demanding language requirements. There are parents who grow physically nauseated as they listen to their children complain of a system which the parents spend \$16,000 a year to provide.

Worst of all there are the actual language professors. They are in favor of language requirements but have they truly thought the matter through? Have they fully considered the fact that their life's work is seen as a burden to the majority of their students? Have they contemplated the fact that they are diminishing themselves and cheapening their profession by forcing students that don't want to be there to sit and listen to their interests?

It would truly be a sad thing for a language professor to look back at the end of his or her career and see nothing but bored and resentful faces staring back.

I love Mary Washington College. As a result, I am willing to work to see that it comes as close to perfection as an institution can. The landscaping crew has done its part, now it's time for the administration to step up.

My friends and I will be in the Eagles Nest with petitions against the language requirement. I don't think that it's unrealistic to believe that we can get the majority of the students at Mary Washington College to sign this petition. As soon as we do, we will turn the petition over to President Anderson, and see if he respects the opinion of his students.

David Marshall is a sophomore.

The landscaping crew has done their part, now it's time for the administration to step up.

David Marshall

College Explodes With Homecoming Spirit

ANDREW WARD
Guest Columnist

I am a dinosaur. I am a member of the last generation at this school that can still recall tailgating. How fondly I remember the days when scores of jovial alumni would park haphazardly on our playing fields, and, like wicked old pedophilic peddlers, flip up their trunks and tap a keg so a myriad 18-year-old girls could stagger by and sip the Natty Light nectar.

The whole scene was reminiscent of Hunter S. Thompson's damning review of the Kentucky Derby—all decadence and depravity, outlandish spirit for various contenders and plenty of vomit. I think on those bygone days with profound love and whimsical nostalgia because they have done exactly that—gone by.

The news came my sophomore year like a sack of fascistically oppressive bricks that the sacred practice of tailgating had been banned. The whole school went into mourning. Like early Christians dodging persecution, we went into hiding

and took our Eucharist from McDonald's cups and inconspicuous thermoses.

Even our beloved mascot, Edgar the Eagle, staged a modest protest by donning a sign that read, "Cheer for Beer, Lift the Ban on Tailgating." Whatever became of that brave soul as a result of his act of defiance remains a mystery to us all.

The alumni didn't bother to come out, the athletes had to play the fields with only moderate support (as opposed to the usually expected rowdy revelry that comes from a mid-afternoon crowd that's nicely sauced), the beer had been settled in to a single white tent where Wood Company minions distributed overpriced and heavily-regulated college juice, and the upperclassmen wandered around aimlessly trying to remember why it was they came to this school in the first place. Homecoming had become a joke.

Personally I was so distraught I left the country for a year but then came back, hoping for a shot at my school's redemption. I was not disappointed.

In the proper spirit of homecoming, I saw hundreds of alumni milling about in the raucous crowds watching every game.

I saw countless classmates dragging themselves through the beer-soaked streets at dusk looking for a happy fix.

I saw it in their eyes, those bloodshot jaundiced windows of the soul that smiled at me as I lifted my cup in a toast to our school. As the Pentecostals would say, the spirit was moving over them. Then came the show.

While many others had spent most of the day still steeped in cynicism, I believe much of that changed after dark. The rugged masses descended on the rugby field around seven o'clock and settled in. By the time I entered the scene it had taken on the look of a refugee camp for dissidents of the State of Sobriety. Thousands of people sprawled out on the lawn, some on their backs on blankets, others face down in pools of their own 80-proof saliva. No one knew what to expect.

For those of us who witnessed the sorry episode in the skies over Central Park this past July 4, our standards were about as low as they could get. But from the very beginning, the explosions above the rugby field that night were

phenomenal. One boom after another, the show simply got better and better.

What exploded in the heavens on Oct. 21 was more than a series of gun powder packets and pretty colors, it was a sentiment toward Mary Washington.

No longer was the idea that our school had failed in providing adequate homecoming festivities even considered. We were proud, we were entertained, we were impressed and we were thirsty for more.

In the aftermath, when the scents of sulfur, beer and bile still lingered in the air, it became clear that we had evolved. From the days where we emulated those Colonel Sanders look-a-likes regurgitating mint juleps all over their racing forms at the Derby, we had matured to a level where we could love our school without the aid of alcohol.

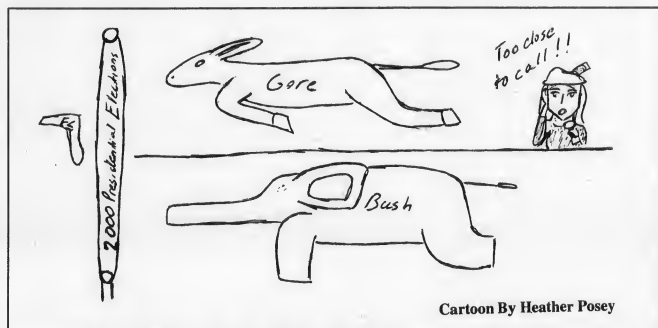
Instead, we focused on something else, something more subtle and pure, something with substance and pizzazz—pyrotechnics. I'm proud.

Andrew Ward is a senior.

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Letters to the Editor

Swimmer Asks For Coverage Of Team

Editor:

I was just wondering why the sports editor neglected to put the men's and women's swimming scores in the score section, or include an article about how both teams won their first meet of the year or even put their upcoming meets this weekend in the schedule section. Instead the page included "Hand to Hand Combat: Wearing a cup is optional" and "Pie Eating Contest: I really need to fill some space." If the editor wants to fill some space, maybe he should check the schedules of all the teams.

I could elaborate more so that we students don't have to read about abortion or gays in the

Campus Christian Community for the millionth time.

Eric Richko
Senior

Computer Humor Can Be Invigorating To Labbies

Editor:

Many people think computer science is a completely humorless area of human knowledge. This puzzles me, because I know first hand that much profound jocularity is to be had in the realm of serious programming.

For example there is a popular operating system called "unix" (pronounced you-niks). It is probable

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One of Napoleon's drinking cups was made from the skull of the famous Italian adventurer Cagliostro.

thumbs



to police officers who let you out of speeding tickets with a warning



to people who send mass e-mails to discourage mass e-mailing



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to people saving spaces in lines for registration

in the stars

Aquarius - Avoid forcing anyone or anything for the moment. You can't afford to antagonize people who are in a position to help you out of a dilemma.

Pisces - You should feel almost awed by the things that are happening now. Your work could become extremely exciting and attract the right kind of attention at last.

Aries - Continue to make sound investments of your time and energy. You have more electricity than usual in your system, so be careful not to have accidents.

Taurus - You could be thrilled about the prospects of a new lifestyle. Be watchful of impulsive or rash behavior, however. Some adventures could backfire.

Gemini - Your work could gain extra recognition. Take time to think before doing anything that could ultimately be destructive.

Cancer - You may want to take drastic action and run away from a situation at home or in connection with your public life. Think twice.

Leo - Be swift to accept offers that come your way. If you don't seize the opportunities, someone else will. Your best opportunities lie at your very feet.

Virgo - Be aware of all the circumstances before making commitments. Funds could disappear all too easily now. Postpone requests until things settle down a bit.

Libra - Some disruptive situations with creative projects and romance could keep you off balance. Take pride in your efforts being recognized.

Scorpio - Take some moments of peace and quiet to let your nervous system adjust to new conditions, here's no need to give life a helping hand or push projects to a premature conclusion.

Sagittarius - If the ones you love are a bit rebellious, let everyone blow off steam. Practice some form of meditation to keep your psychic channels clear.

Capricorn - Group projects could be tricky at best today. You may be tempted to blow up a public opportunity or career situation by impulsive decisions.

By JULIE SHORT
Staff Writer

The Asian Student Association (ASA) kicked off Asian Cultural Week on Monday with "Taste of Asia," a fashion show. ASA members worked the runway, modeling traditional Asian clothing. Other ASA students performed Filipino and Indian dances.

Linh Tran, president of ASA, said more people showed up this year than ever before.

"We really had a great turnout this year for Taste of Asia," Tran said. "Over 200 people showed up. This year has been the best turnout we've ever had for an event like this."

Activities on the culture week roster include a trip to Washington, D.C., open-class lectures in related classes, the films Mulan, Joy Luck Club and Shanghai Noon, and a performance by The Hereandnow Theater Company.

Hereandnow, Tran said, is a California-based group addressing Asian-American issues such as Asian political injustice, interracial dating and the hardships faced when migrating to America.

"Hereandnow gets people informed," Tran said. "They express concerns that many Asians think but don't say, things that people don't realize."

Freshman Dan Noel, an ASA member, said that when the Asian Student Association was planning events for this week, they were careful not to leave out ethnic groups that many may not typically consider Asian.

"This week raises an Asian awareness,"



Patiphan Anbuel (far left), Joseph David, Diana Conty and Marlo Benito perform the national dance of the Philippines at an event celebrating Asian culture.

Noel said. "Not only are these people from China and Japan. They're from India and other Southwest Asian countries that aren't normally associated with Asia."

Tran said the events are a way to teach other students about Asian culture.

"The Asian population at Mary Washington is relatively small," she said. "It's good to let Asian students know there is representation for them, and that we can educate others about our culture."

Tran said she is still hoping for more participation in the future.

"The past couple years there's been a lot of interest from non-minority students, but we wish there were more," she said.

Lindsay Vogler, a junior, said she would not feel very welcome at

events associated with Asian Cultural Week.

"If I were to go to an event like that, I would feel like I would be looked down upon by minority students," Vogler said. "A lot of students feel that these events are exclusively for members of that particular minority."

Heather Flory, a junior, said many non-minority students feel they don't have a stake in the events.

"I think that not many students attend the cultural events because they perceive it as something that doesn't apply to them," Flory said.

The lack of much participation in Asian Cultural Week events by Mary Washington College students adds fuel to the discontent that some Asian students feel on a campus that Joe David, a junior, described as homogenous.

Tran said discrimination is not the issue.

"Our school's not necessarily discriminatory," she said. "It's just the atmosphere. It doesn't make Asians feel very welcome."

Some Asian students said there is sometimes difficulty forming friendships due to the awkwardness

associated with being so few in number.

David, who transferred from University of Maryland this year, said the lack of ethnic diversity at

Mary Washington College was initially a bit disturbing to him. "When I first got here, I didn't

realize how different the student body was," David said. "I felt kind of weird. With minorities at Mary Washington, you either have to make a conscious effort to meet them or you won't get to know them at all."

For many students, Tran said, membership in ASA helps to ease the transition from attending a more racially mixed college or high school to a predominantly white school such as Mary Washington College.

"ASA provides a place for Asian students to feel at home," she said.

"I hear Asian students say they don't feel welcome, or it's awkward for them. It's good for them to know there are people just like them."

Marlo Benito, a junior transfer student, said if it were not for ASA she would not have formed as many friendships as she has.

"It's not only that you get to learn about the Asian countries and cultures, but you make friends, and that's where you learn everything," Benito said. "I wanted to be in ASA cause it was a way to meet people."

Senior Cheryl Ho, ASA vice president, attributes the isolation felt by some Mary Washington College Asian students to what she was the presence of a more docile nature among some Asians.

"A lot of the reason that some Asians may feel isolated is because they can be introverted," Ho said.

"Some Asian people are not very outspoken. Where we are is not very diverse. It makes it harder for them to feel accepted and part of the school. We encourage people to hang out because we don't want people to feel left out, especially freshmen."

Ho is originally from Singapore.

Attending Mary Washington College, she said, has introduced her to a new, but very different perspective.

"A lot of students feel that these events are exclusively for members of that particular minority."

Lindsay Vogler

"I am from Asia, so all my life I've been a majority," she said. "I've never seen a minority point of view. It makes me look at things differently than someone in the majority would."

ASA, Benito said, encourages individuals to recognize perspectives different than those to which they are accustomed.

"Any cultural week gets people who aren't minorities involved," Benito said. "Some non-minorities don't want to go to ASA meetings, but his week gives them a chance to experience a culture different than their own."

Runnin' Down A Dream

By MARYLEN FERRO
Staff Writer

Five years ago, Anna Billingsley, adjunct English professor, purchased a bright yellow and black canvas organizer. Today, standing in the kitchen of her Fredericksburg home, she shuffles through the pages of her daily planner. After a few seconds, Billingsley finds the long list of items she is looking for.

The list is written in pencil with a neat and orderly precision and has few items crossed off. Each task is numbered and the title at the top of the page reads "Things to Do Before I Die."

Although Billingsley conquered the first goal on her list just two weeks ago, she has not yet put that all important slash through the words "Run a Marathon." She reaches across the counter for the nearest pencil, casually places a quick check in front of the line. She seems to be in awe of her accomplishment as she looks up from her planner and smiles softly.

"I turned 43 in January and I thought about the marathon from Jan. 18, my birthday, to Feb. 7 when I signed up," Billingsley said. "I had been thinking a lot about it."

On Oct. 22, Billingsley's nine months of training came to a close when she finished the 25th Annual Marine Corps Marathon. The marathon's 26.2 miles take participants past numerous monuments and other tourist attractions as they run through Arlington and the District of Columbia.

Amazingly, Billingsley was able to juggle her intense marathon training, free-lance

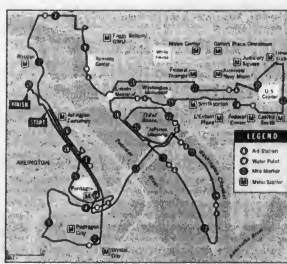
writing, teaching a news gathering class, shuttling her daughters, Carol and Leslie to field hockey practice and spending time with her husband, Rob.

"When I had finished the marathon, I kept thinking about how I felt and realizing that I just overcame this tremendous obstacle," Billingsley said. "I may decide to do another marathon, but I'm certainly not planning to train for another one right now. As much as I tried to deny it, it really did dominate my life. There was not a single day that I did not think about running or that I had to get a run in."

Unlike many people who train in groups, Billingsley trained alone. She did not have anyone advising her on what to eat, how much to run, or when to increase her mileage. Billingsley turned to books and the Internet for help and determined that the bottom line of every training program is to gradually increase

your daily mileage and have at least one long run week.

"I tell people that I did it my way,"



Above, a map of the Marine Corps Marathon. Anna Billingsley (right) laces up for a morning run.

Billingsley said. "I didn't follow any specific guidelines and it was great for me because I had a lot of flexibility. If I would go out and feel like I could run to California, I would continue running for an hour and a half if I had the time. Then the next day, if I didn't feel like running that much I would cut back."

The evening before the marathon allowed Billingsley to see how much her life had changed since February. Every year, friends of the Billingsley family have an Oktoberfest party complete with bottle of beer and plates of bratwurst. This year, Anna Billingsley knew eating or drinking at the party was not an option.

"I came home after the party and ate my pasta, but I often thought if you could think everyday that you are running a big race everything about your lifestyle would be so much purer," Billingsley said. "I mean I knew



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the race would begin similar to the Boston Marathon and would start in waves. Billingsley was a member of the first wave, and began the race close to 8:30 a.m.

Along the way she saw some very intriguing and original runners. One man had his cell phone number plastered across his shirt and talked to bystanders watching the race along the marathon route.

She was also surprised when she saw many people along the race route holding signs that said, "There's a hamburger waiting for you at the end" and heard other runners repeatedly say "I'm doing this for my hamburger."

Dancing To The Beat Of A Different Drummer

Powwow Brings Native American Culture To Campus

By RUTH CASSELL
Staff Writer

The hoop dancer entered the sacred arena carrying his six hoops. He began stepping to the beat of the drums and spreading the hoops out in a semi-circle at his feet. One by one he picked the hoops up with his feet and arranged them into different designs around his body. Once he had all six hoops wrapped around each other and himself, he made a wing-like design and danced like he was flying.

Then, he took them all off one, by one threw them back onto the ground and began a new design, never missing a beat.

"This dance, done by Walter Reed from Delaware, takes a lot of energy and a lot of stamina," said announcer Chief Fred Bushyhead of the Southern Cheyenne tribe.

"When I used to do this dance, about 10 years and 50 pounds ago, I did it with 40 hoops, but one day I got all tripped up so now I leave it to the younger skinnier boys."

The American Indian Society of Washington, D.C., was invited to the college by the James Farmer Multicultural Center, which sponsored the cultural celebration held in Ball Circle on Saturday, Nov. 4. The event officially began at 10 a.m., but the dances were postponed until noon, after the Fredericksburg AIDS walk was completed. Approximately 100 spectators were present at the powwow at any given time throughout the day.

When not highlighting one of the individual specialty dancers like the hoop dancer or the jingle dress dancer, the 15 Native American dancers from about 10 different tribes danced their own tribal steps dressed in the regalia of their own tribe.

They kept the beat to the hard-hitting drums of either the Northern Little River or the Southern Spring Creek Singers during the inter-tribal dances featured at the powwow.

When a few drops of rain threatened the powwow, Bushyhead jokingly warned the dancers to stop doing the rain dance steps.

After the first few inter-tribal and specialty dances, the male lead dancer Ted Wood, of the Abenaki tribe, invited everyone from the crowd to join the dancers in the arena.

"This is a non-discriminatory powwow," Bushyhead said over the microphone. "We want everyone out there dancing."

Dancers from every tribe present moved around the sacred arena, which coordinator Mitchell Bush had



Two Native Americans, in full regalia, demonstrate tribal dances.

blessed earlier in the day by placing sage inside a shell and burning it, then wafting its scent over the roped-off area.

A CD playing before the dancing began, described the significance of the dress, drum and the powwow itself.

"The regalia is not a costume, it is the dress of our peoples. The drum is not a toy to beat on; it is the heartbeat of the people and the universe. We do not powwow to be Indians but rather we powwow because we are Indians."

Bush, former president of the American Indian Society of Washington, D.C., for 25 years, now serves as an advisor to the Virginia Council on Indians, a state agency that handles Native American affairs. According to Bush, the event served as a kickoff for Republican Gov. Jim Gilmore's pending designation of November as American Indian Heritage Month.

At the beginning of the powwow, Mary Wade, Secretary for the Virginia Council on Indians, read Gilmore's proclamation for American Indian month.

"The governor has not yet signed the proclamation, but he does plan to," Wade said. "On behalf of all Indian people living in Virginia, I would like to read it to you today."

An invocation given in the native Lakota tongue also helped kick off the powwow. Everyone in the crowd was asked to stand as the Little River Singers played a religious flag song.

"Every tribe has their native flag song," Bushyhead said. "It is similar to the national anthem."



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Before the dancing began, the registered dancers made their Grand Entry following the Color Guard.

Some of the women wore cloth dresses while others wore buckskin. They all carried shawls on their left arms. The men dressed more extravagantly. Some wore face paint and bustles while others wore the skins of animals as headresses and knee-high moccasins.

Ted Wood and Mercedes Oswood, led the other dancers around the arena in two inter-tribal dances.

All of the female dancers present were called into the arena next to participate in the W o m e n ' s Traditional, "a very graceful dance," according to

Bushyhead.

"You notice that all the men remain standing while the ladies dance," Wood said. "The women are the most important part of the tribe, so we honor them in this way."

Ryan Smith, a senior, said the extensive planning involved in the powwow was evident.

"I've been going to powwows for years, so since there was one on campus I decided to check it out," Smith said. "I've been to much larger powwows and this one was very small but it was well-organized and well put together."

Beth Hovdestad, a senior, said she enjoyed talking to the participants about their tribes and practices.

"My boyfriend's dad is American Indian so we got a chance to talk to a lot of people about their tribes," Hovdestad said. "It's interesting to see that all these people are still practicing their traditions and cultures; that the spirit is still alive."

In addition to the dancing, a food vendor sold fry bread, Indian tacos made of fry bread, taco toppings and corn soup. Eight craft vendors also circled the arena, selling authentic Native American jewelry, baskets, clothing and weapons. A tepee constructed of wooden poles and buckskin also stood at the head of the arena, a favorite of the young children present.

And They're Off

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Even after her longest practice runs Billingsley never craved anything in particular. She usually finished her run with a yogurt and fruit smoothie she mixed together in a blender at home.

Billingsley was able to remain at a steady pace through the first 23 miles, running through water stops and feeling pretty well.

"I saw my family at mile 22 and that was inspiring," she said. "Then the bridge came and it was just a canon of concrete. You run all through the city and everybody cheers you along. I was fine through all of that part and then you get to this stretch around Hains Point that is just deserted. There are no people and you run along this stretch that goes on forever. That's where it really started to get hard for me."

Although Billingsley didn't feel walking was an option, the lonely bridge and dehydration made her gradually slow down and eventually start to walk. She felt defeated and was unable to convince herself to start running again. But she rehydrated at all the water stops, caught her breath and when the bridge ended, she picked up her feet and ran all the way to the finish line. She crossed the finish line in 5 hours, 18 minutes, and 47 seconds.

"It was the most exhilarating feeling I think I have ever had," she said. "This is probably the loftiest goal I have ever set for myself and the sense of achievement that I set a goal, worked toward it and achieved it was just the most important thing I could ever imagine. When I crossed the finish line it was just this tremendous sense of satisfaction that you couldn't get from anything else."

"If you're like me and running a marathon is on your things to do before you die list, I would definitely encourage somebody to do it. I wouldn't have said that at mile 23 on Oct. 22, but I would now. Today, I can honestly say without a doubt that it has changed my life. It has changed my perspective and approach to things," Billingsley said.

With the first item on her "Things to Do Before I Die" list conquered, Billingsley's goals seem more possible than they ever have before. Now all she has to do is write a best-seller, produce a television show, fly on the Concorde, meet Caroline Kennedy, and eat at the Inn at Little Washington. Until then, Billingsley will remember the day she finished the Marine Corps Marathon and the family celebration later that night at Fuddrucker's. She ordered a burger.

"When I crossed the finish line it was just this tremendous sense of satisfaction."

Anna Billingsley

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All-American Erin Caulfield looks for senior glory in the 2000-2001 season.

athlete of the week

John Buchanan

The soccer captain had a goal and an assist in his final game against SSU.

Oops...They Did It Again!

Women Win Fourth Straight CAC Title, Men Finish Second

By KRISTY LEONARD
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's cross country team won the only CAC title out of all fall sports last Saturday, while the men's team placed second.

The women, who have won the conference every year since 1996, triumphed again on Saturday during the competition at Salisbury State. Six schools competed in the meet, including Catholic University, York College, Goucher College, Gallaudet University, and Salisbury State University, whose women's team came in second.

Stan Soper, coach of both the men's and women's teams, was pleased with the women's performance but knows that improvement is a possibility.

"On the women's side, I would think our women ran probably the best meet of our season to this point," he said. "But I still don't think we've run the best meet we are capable of running yet. We certainly had some good performances."

The top five Eagle finishers in the 3.1 mile race were sophomore Jessica Edberg, who crossed the line in 19:29, senior Teresa Joerger (19:41), freshman Maggie Marriot (19:42), junior Dana Foltz (19:46), and senior Natalie Alexander (20:04).

Edberg placed first for MWC and third overall. She said the team's accomplishments were due to season-long dedication and pack

running. "Everyone had a pretty strong race overall," Edberg said. "A lot of people got their best times. We had a lot of confidence going into the race because we've been practicing hard this whole season."

Freshmen Maggie Marriot, who won the

"It wasn't a total shock, but it still stunk."

Erich Heckel

"It was probably one of the best meets that I've run in all season, as far as the team went and as far as our coming together," Marriot said.

Although the men's team claimed the conference last year, Salisbury succeeded in defeating the MWC team this year.

The top runners for the MWC men's team in the 5 mile race were Junior Travis Jones, finishing in 26:28, freshman Erich Heckel (26:42), freshman Jeremy Driver (27:52), sophomore Jamie Covino (28:15) and freshman Andrew Puddister (28:55).

Despite many obstacles, Soper gives credit to members who led the team.

"Those guys who did run, ran very hard and well. Just, unfortunately, we were not up to our full strength and potential," he said. Freshman Erich Heckel, who won the

FAST FACT:

Congratulations to Bulletin Associate Editor Teresa Joerger who is engaged! The marriage has nothing to do with her being pregnant or desperate.

CAC Rookie of the Year award, was not surprised but still disappointed with the loss. "We kinda had to fight all season because we had numerous injuries," he said. "It wasn't a total shock, but it still stunk."

Soper, who said the men's meet was overall upsetting because the team did not keep their championship, attributes the lack of achievement to injured athletes and disciplinary problems among the team.

"The men were missing a number of people that were critical to the team's success," Soper said.

Two team members were suspended for the remainder of the season as a result of disciplinary problems referred to by Soper. Teammates declined to comment on the details of the incident that caused the suspension.

Heckel said that although he will not give names, the situation has been dealt with and the team has moved on.

"Coach Soper gave what he thought was a fair judgement," he said.

The cross country teams will compete in the NCAA regional meet this Saturday, Nov. 11, at Christopher Newport. If they win, their season will extend another week for the national competition.

Soper said that while the season has not met his expectations thus far, this weekend is a time for top performances and will be a determinant for the season's success.

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Gallahan has strong recruits at every position this season. Point guards Katie Anderson and Mary Nash, guard Kelly Kinahan, and post players Sarah McCarthy and Adrienne Barnes will be major contributors this season.

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So far, getting used to playing with each other has not produced a problem for either side.

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Freshman Mary Nash agrees, adding, "The seniors have been great so far this season. They keep us in check, but everything has been going really smoothly so far this year."

The ability of the two groups to gel together will be a key point in the Eagles' season. The number of freshmen on the team means that, in addition to receiving a good amount of playing time, all players will need to learn to adapt to each other's style of play.

"We're going to have a lot of depth to this year's team, and that's a key to winning ball games," Gallahan said. "We've got a

tough schedule this year, and we play in a tough conference."

The 1999-2000 Capital Athletic Conference final standings reflected how strong all of last year's teams were. In the regular season, one team earned first place and four teams tied for second. Also, a sixth place team won the conference tournament. Gallahan expects the upcoming season to be just as tough.

"Last season, we started great, but ran into some rough stuff once the season got underway. Hopefully this year we can avoid some of that," she said. "Our goal is to win the conference—we've done that 10 times, and came in second five times. A conference championship will get us to the NCAA Tournament again, but for now we have to take it one step at a time."



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Sarah Seale dribbles in practice and is one of five returning seniors on the team.

Rowing Your Boat Eight Hours Down The Stream

By CAROLYN MURRAY
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Forty self-described masochists, seven boats, and one coach will travel eight hours to Augusta, Ga., on Nov. 10 to compete against Division I and Division III schools from the south. Mary Washington's crew team is going to Head of the South, their second and last regatta, of their bittersweet season.

They will meet up with teams from NC State, UNC, the College of Charleston and University of Central Florida, according to coach Brad Holden. The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Clemson are the biggest competitors for the men's team, while Duke threatens the women's team.

MWC is ready for the competition, having entered 19 events. Sophomore Jess Kwerel said the MWC women are "the best the team's ever had." She predicts they will win medals in at least two of the races, the championship eight and championship four, made up of all varsity rowers.

Junior Chad Herring remembers attending Head of the South his freshman year.

"We won a bunch [of events] then, and we've improved, so we're expecting to do pretty well," he said.

Holden, in his third year as crew coach, sees this regatta as a necessary step in building a strong team.

"The regatta will allow us to find out how the season went and how we're doing," said Holden. The team had four regattas scheduled for the fall, but due to weather and registration problems, two events were cancelled. Fall is the nontraditional season for crew, so there is less pressure on their performances.

"We'll go with the intent of doing well, but we're not gonna start crying if it doesn't work out," Holden said.

The last time they competed, MWC won

third overall in points. Holden believes similar or better results could happen this weekend.

"We could win the total points trophy," Holden said.

Rowing clubs from Augusta organize the event, called Head of the South. Held on the Savannah River, it includes anywhere from 10 to 25 colleges and universities. Events run all day. The type of racing at the regatta, head racing, differs from that of the spring season. Head racing involves racing against the clock.

"The teams race single file at 15 second intervals. It's possible to win, or take last place without being passed, or passing someone," said Holden.

Head racing proves to be challenging for both rowers and coxswains, the people in charge of directing the boat.

Many of the team members will be rowing multiple times during the day Saturday. Coxswain Maggie Dyer, a sophomore, stresses the challenge of longer events.

"Fall races are long and drawn-out," she said. "It's hard to keep the crew motivated."

Autumn is preparation for the spring, and after training indoors for all of winter, the team hits the water in March.

Kwerel describes the training as "hell on Earth." However, she, too, prefers the spring races.

"They're longer and harder, but pay off more," she said.

One problem the team has encountered this season has been a lack of men. There are 53 women and only 15 males on the team. Holden cites not recruiting hard enough as one of the reasons for the paucity of men.

"Crew's not that easy," Herring said. "You have to give up a lot for it."

However, for West, crew was one of the reasons he chose to attend MWC. A transfer from George Mason, he explained that crew and biology were his criteria for schools.

"I've done lots of other sports," Kwerel said. "Crew is the most physically, emotionally draining sport I know."

For now, the team will focus on the regatta Saturday, and start planning for the spring season.

"It's going to be very competitive," Holden said. "Whether we do everything right has yet to be seen."



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Colleen Ralph, Jill MacDonald, Amanda Harrigan, Chrissy Wamble and Sara Preston hope to have more medals this weekend.

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All-American Erin Caufield looks for senior glory in the 2000-2001 season.

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Oops...They Did It Again!

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The women's cross country team won the only CAC title out of all fall sports last Saturday, while the men's team placed second.

The women, who have won the conference every year since 1996, triumphed again on Saturday during the competition at Salisbury State. Six schools competed in the meet, including Catholic University, York College, Goucher College, Gallaudet University, and Salisbury State University, whose women's team came in second.

Stan Soper, coach of both the men's and women's teams, was pleased with the women's performance but knows that improvement is a possibility.

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The top five Eagle finishers in the 3.1 mile race were sophomore Jessica Edberg, who crossed the line in 19:29, senior Teresa Joeger (19:41), freshman Maggie Marriot (19:42), junior Dana Foltz (19:46), and senior Natalie Alexander (20:04).

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Although the men's team claimed the conference last year, Salisbury succeeded in defeating the MWC team this year.

The top runners for the MWC men's team in the 5 mile race were junior Travis Jones, finishing in 26:28, freshman Erich Heckel (26:42), freshman Jeremy Driver (27:52), sophomore Jamie Covino (28:15) and freshman Andrew Paddester (28:55).

Despite many obstacles, Soper gives credit to members who led the team.

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"There's a lot of talent this year," Coach Gallahan said. "I have twenty-four girls trying out, and any one of them could contribute to the team. It's important to look at what the team's needs are, and how the future of the team is going to be impacted. You need to make sure you don't leave the team decimated after six seniors graduate at the end of a season. We've had this kind of a situation before, and hopefully things will work out as well this time around."

Gallahan has strong recruits at every position this season. Point guards Katie Anderson and Mary Nash, guard Kelly Kinahan, and post players Sarah McCarthy and Adrienne Barnes will be major contributors this season.

"This scenario is a lot like our freshman year, but at the same time, I feel like this year's incoming class may have even more talent than we did," Bernice Kenney said.

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So far, getting used to playing with each other has not produced a problem for either age bracket.

"The freshmen are doing a great job so far - they're all willing to work hard, and they pick up things fast," Kenny commented.

Freshman Mary Nash agrees, adding, "The seniors have been great so far this season. They keep us in check, but everything has been going really smoothly so far this year."

The ability of the two groups to gel together will be a key point in the Eagles' season. The number of freshmen on the team means that, in addition to receiving a good amount of playing time, all players will need to learn to adapt to each other's style of play.

"We're going to have a lot of depth to this year's team, and that's a key to winning ball games," Gallahan said. "We've got a

tough schedule this year, and we play in a tough conference."

The 1999-2000 Capital Athletic Conference final standings reflected how strong all of last year's teams were. In the regular season, one team earned first place and four teams tied for second. Also, a sixth place team won the conference tournament. Gallahan expects the upcoming season to be just as tough.

"Last season, we started great, but ran into some rough stuff once the season got underway. Hopefully this year, we can avoid some of that," she said. "Our goal is to win the conference - we've done that 10 times, and came in second five times. A conference championship will get us to the NCAA Tournament again, but for now we have to take it one step at a time."



Sarah Seale dribbles in practice and is one of five returning seniors on the team.

Rowing Your Boat Eight Hours Down The Stream

By CAROLYN MURRAY
Staff Writer

Forty self-described masochists, seven boats, and one coach will travel eight hours to Augusta, Ga., on Nov. 10 to compete against Division I and Division III schools from the south. Mary Washington's crew team is going to Head of the South, their second and last regatta, of their bitter-sweet season.

They will meet up with teams from NC State, UNC, the College of Charleston and University of Central Florida, according to coach Brad Holdren. The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Clemson are the biggest competitors for the men's team, while Duke threatens the women's team.

MWC is ready for the competition, having entered 19 events. Sophomore Jess Kwerel said the MWC women are "the best the team's ever had." She predicts they will win medals in at least two of the races, the championship eight and championship four, made up of all varsity rowers.

Junior Chad Herring remembers attending Head of the South his freshman year. "We won a bunch [of events] then, and we've improved, so we're expecting to do pretty well," he said.

Holdren, in his third year as crew coach, sees this regatta as a necessary step in building a strong team.

"The regatta will allow us to find out how the season went and how we're doing," said Holdren. The team had four regattas scheduled for the fall, but due to weather and registration problems, two events were cancelled. Fall is the nontraditional season for crew, so there is less pressure on their performances.

"We'll go with the intent of doing well, but we're not gonna start crying if it doesn't work out," Holdren said.

The last time they competed, MWC won

third overall in points. Holdren believes similar or better results could happen this weekend.

"We could win the total points trophy," Holdren said.

Rowing clubs from Augusta organize the event, called Head of the South. Held on the Savannah River, it includes anywhere from 10 to 25 colleges and universities. Events run all day. The type of racing at the regatta, head racing, differs from that of the spring season. Head racing involves racing against the clock.

"The teams race single-file at 15 second intervals. It's possible to win, or take last place without being passed, or passing someone," said Holdren.

Head racing proves to be challenging for both rowers and coxswains, the people in charge of directing the boat.

Many of the team members will be rowing multiple times during the day Saturday. Coxswain Maggie Dyer, a sophomore, stresses the challenge of longer events.

"Fall races are long and drawn-out," she said. "It's hard to keep the crew motivated."

Autumn is preparation for the spring, and after training indoors for all of winter, the team hits the water in March.

Kwerel describes the training as "hell on Earth." However, she, too, prefers the spring races.

"They're longer and harder, but pay off more," she said.

One problem the team has encountered this season has been a lack of men. There are 53 women and only 15 males on the team. Holdren cites not recruiting hard enough as one of the reasons for the paucity of men.

"Crew's not that easy," Herring said. "You have to give up a lot for it."

However, for West, crew was one of the reasons he chose to attend MWC. A transfer from George Mason, he explained that crew and biology were his criteria for schools.

"I've done lots of other sports," Kwerel said. "Crew is the most physically, emotionally draining sport I know."

For now, the team will focus on the regatta Saturday, and start planning for the spring season.

"It's going to be very competitive," Holdren said. "Whether we do everything right has yet to be seen."



Colleen Ralph, Jill MacDonald, Amanda Harrigan, Chrissy Wample and Sara Preston hope to have more medals this weekend.

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This past Sunday night, while most college kids had their televisions tuned in to FOX to see the season premiere of "The Simpsons," I was thoroughly engrossed in ABC's "Growing Pains: The Movie." Well, maybe not thoroughly. But as a huge fan of the show back in its heyday, when family shows were actually decent (remember "Family Ties"?), I was curious to see the Seavers in action once again, even without the laugh track.

I didn't realize, however, that it was going to be a Wonderful World of Disney evening.

"The family show is coming back," Mike Seaver jests in the beginning of the movie. "But this time, no laugh track. I mean, come on? Who really needs to hear people laughing to know it's funny?"

The problem is, it wasn't funny. I had a feeling that a made-for-TV movie based on a sitcom would have its drawbacks, given that most sitcom actors are terrible when it comes to drama. But this one was so ridiculously cheesy that it hurt me to watch it. It was as if the entire cast of the original "Growing Pains" had fallen asleep back in 1992, and woken up in an episode of "7th Heaven."

To see the characters I once knew and loved distorted into personas more appropriate for G-rated cartoons in order to meet the needs of the corny plot line (not to mention the writing) was very painful.

Dr. Jason Seaver, no longer the rigid but caring psychiatrist father full of heartwarming advice, was transformed into a clueless, dopey dad who writes pulp fiction books that even his kids won't read. His wife, Maggie Malone, who on the show always supported the image of the professional working mom, is now a washed up news reporter fired from her job as a press secretary because she was too "soft."

The plot of the movie revolves around "Medicine Maggie's" decision to run for Congress against her ex-boss. She convinces all of her family members to work for her campaign, and inevitably wins.

Things get complicated along the way, though, in the way that only family movies can get. Her daughter, Carol, the once straight-A student back in high school, is now the in-your-face Wall Street lawyer with no social life. She falls in love with her mother's opponent's campaign manager, an arrogant executive with an



The "Growing Pains" cast has made a reunion movie.

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Andrew's Has A Recipe For Bitterness

Our Food Critic Reviews Andrew's Mediterranean Bounty, Finds High-Priced Food And Attitude

By JENNA FRYE
Staff Writer

A few blocks up from Snellings Market on William Street is Andrew's Mediterranean Bounty; home to wine tastings, an imported beer wall and the most affected staff in town. I'll be honest, there are not a whole lot of places where I flat out refuse to eat, but after my third and final dining experience at Andrew's I vowed to never again make that fatal mistake.

The night began with the host giving us an attitude about not making a reservation, even though I have yet to dine there on an evening when my party of two did not account for a third of the restaurant's patrons.

If you are a college student and/or look remotely casual, expect to sit by the door. Never mind the fact that you have good money to spend there, if you are not wearing loafers and an "I love Yanni" sticker, you

are in for a long night.

The menu is extensive, with lots of mouth-watering options, sure to disappoint even the hungriest of diners. My latest meal, quill pasta with white wine, cream sauce and garlic sounded delicious. Although the \$18 price tag raised my brow, never let it be said that I won't spend too much on a good meal.

Despite the well-articulated description, my meal failed in a few major areas. The servers had more flavor than my meal, and their snooty attitudes

overpowered any shot of me enjoying myself. With comments like "You are lucky to get a table on such short notice," my defenses shot right up.

I was given no wine list, no specials were read to me, and frankly no one even asked me how I was enjoying my quills. Had they asked, I might have pointed out that the quill,

a.k.a. penne pasta, was way overcooked.

Not only was there no bite, but the limp bland "quills" did nothing for the eye. Presentation might have helped to mask that fact that the garlic was jarred and not fresh, and that I was offered no cracked pepper.

In general, I found the food to be uninspired and extremely overpriced. There is a difference between a high quality meal at a high price and a meal that you could have purchased at Ukrop's at the same price.

When you pay a lot for

your meal, you are paying for the experience, and certain rules apply. You should expect to be treated like a food critic. You should expect your lettuce to be torn and not chopped, the

bread to be warm, the lemon to be in the cheesecloth and the forks to be on the left.

At Andrew's I was in a restaurant being treated like I would not know good olive oil if it bit me on the tongue. It is not wise to be that pretentious if you do not even cook with unsalted butter or fresh herbs. Give me a break.

To culminate the experience, the server would not take my check. His exact words were, "When we know you better, we'll take it." I'm so sure.

As I left Andrew's for the last time, I looked back at their tacky outdated decor and rolled my eyes. So what if they serve fresh baklava? So does the Eagles Nest.



Juliette Gomez/Bullet Andrew's Mediterranean Bounty is on William Street.

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Paul Dunford and Lori Ann Maresca (left) are Cliff and Sally; Steve Mory (center) plays the shirtless emcee; and a Kit Kat girl (right) performs at the Club. See them all in Klein Theatre from Nov. 9 to Nov. 19 in "Cabaret."



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What Is Your Favorite Wonder Of The World And Why?

Photos and interviews by Juliette Gomez



"There's some kind of hanging garden. I don't know anything about it."

-Tyler St. Clair, freshman



"Danny from 'The Real World.' So beautiful but so untouchable."

-Meghan McAuliffe, senior



"The Statue of Liberty because she's naked under the toga."

-Vinny Adriance, sophomore



"The wonder that is the mosh pit."

-Elena Rousseau, junior



"Registration because it's where I waited for 3 hours today."

-Kevin Bradley, sophomore

Bands Plan To Duke It Out

By MATT WRIGHT
Opinions Editor

Van Heusen, Bio Ritmo, and Don't Panic all rise to the top when talking about bands who have played at Mary Washington College in the last few years. On Thursday, Nov. 9 the college will have the chance to hear new bands vying for a spot on this elite list, which will become a reality for one winner at the Battle Of The Bands, sponsored by the Honor Council, to take place in The Underground.

Between 9 p.m. and midnight, four bands will have 30 minutes to set up and perform their unique blends of music and noise for a panel of judges and virginal ears. Prizes that await the winners include \$750 in money provided by Pepsi and a spot as the pre-opening act at this year's Devil Goat Day.

The bands competing are Here Today, Divide By Zero, Xylophone Killed Jazz and Something Else.

The panel of judges that will select the winning band will be made up of faculty, administration

and students from each class. John Temple, assistant professor of biology, will serve as the faculty judge, and Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students will fill the slot as the administration's judge.

The Battle Of The Bands is the culmination of a week of Honor Awareness on campus which kicked off last Friday with a Swing Dance. Honor Awareness week last year was sidetracked due to an overwhelming amount of trials taking place on campus, so this year the Honor Council placed extra emphasis on the week.

"It's just to create awareness that we are doing our job and we are here," said Andy Painter, junior class Honor Council representative. "It's also to let people know that the honor policy exists."

Honor Council President Seth Kennard hopes that the event will turn out to be a success.

"I'm looking forward to it," Kennard said. "I hope people will come since it's all student bands, so it should be a good time."

Be sure to turn out to this free event to see which band will be dubbed the next Bio Ritmo on campus.

'Don't Waste Another Minute' On This Bad Movie

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overly intelligent 10-year-old son who really just wants a mom. (Guess how that ends up?)

And Ben has turned into an unattractive clumsy 23-year-old with no job and a horrendously bad haircut. He gets pulled over for speeding in his dilapidated minivan, nearly destroying his mom's chances for winning. But he's not even cool enough to be a delinquent, only a bumbling idiot. He redeems himself in a tear-jerking moment near the end, when he tells Maggie, "You're a great mom. Now it's time for me to be a great Ben, at least my own Ben." He's grown up quite the articulate 20-something.

Mike Seaver and his wife Kate have generously adopted children from all over the world and feed them only organic food (no red meat!), and yet Mike is a successful executive who promotes his wife's lack of ambition in the work world. I understand that bad family movies use not-so-subtle story lines to represent what good parenting is supposed to be, but do they have to be so extreme about it?

What bothered me the most about this movie, and a lot of other bad family movies, was how the children were cast as smarter than adults, which in reality is just not true.

The youngest Seaver daughter, Chrissy, who suddenly aged seven extra years since her birth, is now a sassy 17-year-old amalgam of Carol and Mike, making the honor role

consistently as well as frequenting detention. She even smokes (gasp!). She is so sassy that she convinces two of her teachers to let her skip school for two months to make a documentary on her mom's campaign progress, rather than write a term paper. Jack, the son of Carol's secret beau, takes on the role of the intelligent private school kid who plays hockey whenever he wants in order to think up elaborate schemes of how to get his dad to propose to Carol. Mike's daughter Evie is the one who supposedly convinces her grandma Maggie to run for Congress. Can't these adults think of these things on their own?

In the tradition of family films, there is always a lesson to be learned, no matter how nauseating. Maggie learns that it's okay to take career risks. Carol learns to loosen up, and even snags a husband in the process. Ben, newly metamorphosed from idiot, brings the campaign to the all-African-American Church of Divine Redemption and starts dating one of the members, following the politically correct theme. And Chrissy learns, of course, that smoking is bad.

Call me nostalgic, but I miss the crazy sitcom antics of yore, like when Carol and Mike accidentally glued Ben to the coffee table, or when termites caused Carol to fall through the ceiling, forcing the whole family to sleep at Mike's bachelor pad. I miss all the old Seavers, back when they made jokes that were actually funny.

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By BETSY O'NEILL
Scene Editor

This past Sunday night, while most college kids had their televisions tuned in to FOX to see the season premiere of "The Simpsons," I was thoroughly engrossed in ABC's "Growing Pains: The Movie." Well, maybe not thoroughly. But as a huge fan of the show back in its heyday, when family shows were actually decent (remember "Family Ties"?), I was curious to see the Seavers in action once again, even without the laugh track.

I didn't realize, however, that it was going to be a Wonderful World of Disney evening.

"The family show is coming back," Mike Seaver jests in the beginning of the movie. "But this time, no laugh track. I mean, come on? Who really needs to hear people laughing to know it's funny?"

The problem is, it wasn't funny. I had a feeling that a made-for-TV movie based on a sitcom would have its drawbacks, given that most sitcom actors are terrible when it comes to drama, but this one was so ridiculously cheesy that it hurt me to watch it. It was as if the entire cast of the original "Growing Pains" had fallen asleep back in 1992, and woken up in an episode of "7th Heaven."

To see the characters I once knew and loved distorted into personas more appropriate for G-rated cartoons in order to meet the needs of the comedy plot line (not to mention the writing) was very painful.

Dr. Jason Seaver, no longer the rigid but caring psychiatrist father full of heartwarming advice, was transformed into a clueless, dopey dad who writes pulp fiction books that even his kids won't read. His wife, Maggie Malone, who on the show always supported the image of the professional working mom, is now a washed up news reporter fired from her job as a press secretary because she was too "soft."

The plot of the movie revolves around "Mediocre Maggie's" decision to run for Congress against her ex-husband. She convinces all of her family members to work for her campaign, and inevitably wins.

Things get complicated along the way, though, in the way that only family movies can get. Her daughter Carol, the once straight-A student back in high school, is now the in-your-face Wall Street lawyer with no social life. She falls in love with her mother's opponent's campaign manager, an arrogant executive with an



The "Growing Pains" cast has made a reunion movie.

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Andrew's Has A Recipe For Bitterness

Our Food Critic Reviews Andrew's Mediterranean Bounty, Finds High-Priced Food And Attitude

By JENNA FRYE
Staff Writer

A few blocks up from Snellings Market on William Street is Andrew's Mediterranean Bounty; home to wine tastings, an imported beer hall and the most affected staff in town. I'll be honest, there are not a whole lot of places where I flat out refuse to eat, but after my third and final dining experience at Andrew's I vowed to never again make that fatal mistake.

The night began with the host giving us an attitude about not making a reservation, even though I have yet to dine there on an evening when my party of two did not account for a third of the restaurant's patrons.

If you are a college student and/or look remotely casual, expect to sit by the door. Never mind the fact that you have good money to spend there, if you are not wearing loafers and an "I love Yanni" sticker, you

are in for a long night.

The menu is extensive, with lots of mouth-watering options, sure to disappoint even the hungriest of diners. My latest meal, quill pasta with white wine, cream sauce and garlic sounded delicious. Although the \$18 price tag raised my brow, never let it be said that I won't spend too much on a good meal.

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Jenna Frye

Despite the well-articulated description, my meal failed in a few major areas. The servers had more flavor than my meal, and their snooty attitudes overpowered any shot of me enjoying myself. With comments like "You are lucky to get a table on such short notice," my defenses shot right up.

I was given no wine list, no specials were read to me, and frankly no one even asked me how I was enjoying my quills. Had they asked, I might have pointed out that the quill,

a.k.a. penne pasta, was way overcooked.

Not only was there no bite, but the limp bland "quills" did nothing for the eye. Presentation might have helped to mask that fact that the garlic was jarred and not fresh, and that I was offered no cracked pepper.

In general, I found the food to be uninspired and extremely overpriced. There is a difference between a high quality meal at a high price and a meal that you could have purchased at Ukrop's at the same price.

When you pay a lot for your meal, you are paying for the experience, and certain rules apply. You should expect to be treated like a food critic. You should expect your lettuce to be torn and not chopped, the

bread to be warm, the lemon to be in the cheesecloth and the forks to be on the left.

At Andrew's I was in a restaurant being treated like I would not know good olive oil if it bit me on the tongue. It is not wise to be that pretentious if you do not even cook with unsalted butter or fresh herbs. Give me a break.

To culminate the experience, the server would not take my check. His exact words were, "When we know you better, we'll take it." I'm so sure.

As I left Andrew's for the last time, I looked back at their tacky outdated decor and rolled my eyes. So what if they serve fresh baklava? So does the Eagles Nest.



Juliette Gomez/Bullet Andrew's Mediterranean Bounty is on William Street.

"Cabaret": Shirt And Shoes Not Required

Paul Dunford and Lori Ann Maresca (left) are Cliff and Sally; Steve Mory (center) plays the shirtless emcee; and a Kit Kat girl (right) performs at the Club. See them all in Klein Theatre from Nov. 9 to Nov. 19 in "Cabaret."



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What Is Your Favorite Wonder Of The World And Why?

Photos and interviews by Juliette Gomez



"There's some kind of hanging garden. I don't know anything about it."

—Tyler St. Clair, freshman



"Danny from 'The Real World.' So beautiful but so untouchable."

—Meghan McAuliffe, senior



"The Statue of Liberty because she's naked under the toga."

—Vinny Adriance, sophomore



"The wonder that is the mosh pit."

—Elena Rousseau, junior



"Registration because it's where I waited for 3 hours today."

—Kevin Bradley, sophomore

Bands Plan To Duke It Out

By MATT WRIGHT
Opinions Editor

Van Heusen, Bio Ritmo, and Don't Panic all rise to the top when talking about bands who have played at Mary Washington College in the last few years. On Thursday, Nov. 9 the college will have the chance to hear new bands vying for a spot on this elite list, which will become a reality for one winner at the Battle Of The Bands, sponsored by the Honor Council, to take place in The Underground.

Between 9 p.m. and midnight, four bands will have 30 minutes to set up and perform their unique blends of music and noise for a panel of judges and virginal ears. Prizes that await the winners include \$750 in money provided by Pepsi and a spot as the pre-opening act at this year's Devil Goat Day.

The bands competing are Here Today, Divide By Zero, Xylophone Killed Jazz and Something Else.

The panel of judges that will select the winning band will be made up of faculty, administration

and students from each class. John Temple, assistant professor of biology, will serve as the faculty judge, and Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students will fill the slot as the administration's judge.

The Battle Of The Bands is the culmination of a week of Honor Awareness on campus which kicked off last Friday with a Swing Dance. Honor Awareness week last year was sidetracked due to an overwhelming amount of trials taking place on campus, so this year the Honor Council placed extra emphasis on the week.

"It's just to create awareness that we are doing our job and we are here," said Andy Painter, junior class Honor Council representative. "It's also to let people know that the honor policy exists."

Honor Council President Seth Kennard hopes that the event will turn out to be a success.

"I'm looking forward to it," Kennard said. "I hope people will come since it's all student bands, so it should be a good time."

Be sure to turn out to this free event to see which band will be dubbed the next Bio Ritmo on campus.

'Don't Waste Another Minute' On This Bad Movie

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overly intelligent 10-year-old son who really just wants a mom. (Guess how that ends up?)

And Ben has turned into an unattractive clumsy 23-year-old with no job and a horrendously bad haircut. He gets pulled over for speeding in his dilapidated minivan, nearly destroying his mom's chances for winning. But he's not even cool enough to be a delinquent, only a bumbling idiot. He redeems himself in a tear-jerking moment near the end, when he tells Maggie, "You're a great mom. Now it's time for me to be a great Ben, at least my own Ben." He's grown up quite the articulate 20-something.

Mike Scaver and his wife Kate have generously adopted children from all over the world and feed them only organic food (no red meat!), and yet Mike is a successful executive who promotes his wife's lack of ambition in the work world. I understand that bad family movies use not-so-subtle story lines to represent what good parenting is supposed to be, but do they have to be so extreme about it?

What bothered me the most about this movie, and a lot of other bad family movies, was how the children were cast as smarter than adults, which in reality is just not true.

The youngest Scaver daughter, Chrissy, who suddenly aged seven extra years since her birth, is now a sassy 17-year-old amalgam of Carol and Mike, making the honor role

consistently as well as frequenting detention. She even smokes (gasp!). She is so sassy that she convinces two of her teachers to let her skip school for two months to make a documentary on her mom's campaign progress, rather than write a term paper. Jack, the son of Carol's secret beau, takes on the role of the intelligent private school kid who plays hooky whenever he wants in order to think up elaborate schemes of how to get his dad to propose to Carol. Mike's daughter Evie is the one who supposedly convinces her grandma Maggie to run for Congress. Can't these adults think of these things on their own?

In the tradition of family films, there is always a lesson to be learned, no matter how nauseating. Maggie learns that it's okay to take career risks. Carol learns to loosen up, and even snags a husband in the process. Ben, newly metamorphosed from idiot, brings the campaign to the all-African-American Church of Divine Redemption and starts dating one of the members, following the politically correct theme. And Chrissy learns, of course, that smoking is bad.

Call me nostalgic, but I miss the crazy sitcom antics of yore, like when Carol and Mike accidentally glued Ben to the coffee table, or when termites caused Carol to fall through the ceiling, forcing the whole family to sleep at Mike's bachelor pad. I miss all the old Scavers, back when they made jokes that were actually funny.

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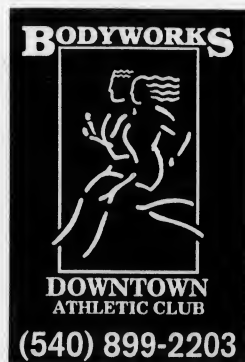
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Crossword

By Ed Canty

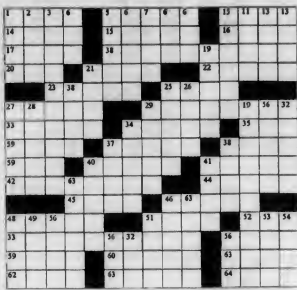
"Mixed-up Running Mates"

ACROSS

- 1 Fuel
- 5 Plenty of room
- 10 Queen, for one
- 14 Can do
- 15 Showed an old movie
- 16 Met highlight
- 17 Morning garb
- 18 BERG SO HUGE
- 20 Plumber's intersection
- 21 Fling
- 22 NBA'er Archibald, et al
- 23 European river
- 25 Hammer end
- 27 Garden delight
- 29 Favorite vs underdog at times
- 33 German specialty
- 34 Silly slang
- 35 Tax avge plan
- 36 Matinee
- 37 Jests
- 38 Type of doctor?
- 39 Lawyer's exam
- 40 Rooker perches
- 41 Camcorder
- 42 Files a long form
- 44 Pub frequenters
- 45 Slep
- 46 Reagan's Chief of Staff
- 48 Registrar
- 51 Beer holder
- 52 Talk
- 55 A WALRUS HUB
- 58 Knot need
- 59 Church part
- 60 Mountain ridge
- 61 Soho, for one
- 62 Oz lion
- 63 Tears down
- 64 Curve breaker

DOWN

- 1 Horse follower
- 2 Philharmonic need
- 3 GREET LABOR
- 4 Gypsy, for one
- 5 Fluorescent tube filler



6 Reagan's A. G.

7 NFL players

8 Roman household god

9 Lit. 101 Dept.

10 Sesside dressing room

11 In ____ Stuck

12 Stand up

13 Some Morse code sounds

14 Foe

21 Pressure unit

24 Loaf's end

25 Organ parts

26 Sixth senses

27 An excuse

28 Anwar

29 Wallace & others

30 I REPORT PEG

31 Whiner

34 Beneficiary

37 Dileland

38 Bargain event

40 String instrument

41 Capture

43 One who anchors a boat

46 Moistest the turkey

47 Human remains some-times

48 Israeli airline

49 California valley

50 Mr. Limbaugh

51 Stage prompts

53 Mine

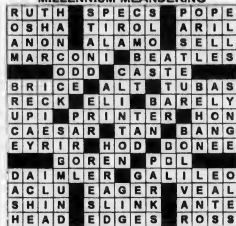
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56 Follows civil or price

57 Swim suit part

58 Managed

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Miscellaneous

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Pro-Lifer Says Professor Is Biased

SARAH LUCAS
Staff Writer

As a student who attended the political science department's election forum last Thursday, I would like to comment on a presentation made by a professor that I found personally offensive.

At the forum, four political science professors gave their analysis on a different topic. Stephen Fargsworth talked about Virginia's Senate race, Michelle Swers talked about the congressional elections, Victor Fingerhut talked about the presidential election, and Louis Fickett talked about the Supreme Court.

The first three professors did an excellent job of analyzing their particular topics without taking a partisan approach. Fickett, however, chose to spend almost his entire presentation talking about how George W. Bush, if elected, will severely restrict a "woman's right to choose" by appointing conservative justices to the Supreme Court.

John Kramer, chair of the political science department and the moderator for the evening, did not know what specifically the professors would be speaking about before the forum. The only guidelines he had given them was that they should approach their topic from a nonpartisan perspective.

The first three speakers did a good job of remaining neutral. Fickett, however, violated this mandate when he presented a very biased and one-sided view of the issue.

While he was correct when he said that the next president will have a significant impact on the Supreme Court, he did not mention any other issues that would be affected by the court. He only tried to impose his pro-abortion views on the audience. This was not the purpose of the forum.

What I found particularly offensive about this presentation is that Fickett assumed that everyone in the audience shared his point of view. He urged everyone, especially women, to vote if they want to protect their "rights." As a woman, I personally do not believe that I should have the "right" to murder my pre-born child.

What compelled me to vote in this election, more than anything else, is the possibility that we may be able to take steps toward ending abortion and protecting all human life. I found it offensive that this man who does not even know me simply assumes that I, as well as the rest of the audience, agree with him.

While Fickett has a right to his own opinion, he does not have the right to impose that opinion on others, much less assume that everyone else agrees with him. I don't appreciate being stereotyped just because I'm young and female.

Sarah Lucas is a junior.

Humor In The Land Of The Motherboard

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that at some point in time someone might say something like "I really dig unix." The knowledgeable bystander can then respond with the hilarious rejoinder "Oh, really? I don't know... with unix it just seems like something's missing..."

Another source of computer science humor is the core dump. A core dump occurs when a program attempts to access memory that isn't available. It is very hilarious to announce in the middle of a computer science class, or anywhere really, that one needs to take a core dump. This line of humor can be extended by

making reference to "clearing the output stream" and "flushing the buffer."

Finally, on unix systems (unix is possibly the funniest operating system) there is a command called "finger" which one uses to look up another user and find out if that user is on the network. It is exquisitely funny to look at a companion across the computer lab, say "I'm going to finger you" and then to type finger <that user's name>. Ask anyone. It's hilarious.

Clay Templeton
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Poli Sci Majors Cope With Overcrowding And Understaffing

By ERIN PICKENS
Staff Writer

The department of political science and international affairs is being forced to squeeze seniors into its upper level required classes or assign them, by lottery, to classes so that they all can graduate this spring. This fall, all 49 senior political science majors are taking the only section of comparative government of Western Europe, a required class that the department will offer only this semester.

"It's ridiculous that we have to take so many [required classes] our senior year and that there's so many people in them," said Nicole Angarella, a senior political science major who has to take three classes required for the political science major in the spring semester.

The large number of majors and the small number of professors results in large class sizes, classes only enrolling senior political science and international affairs majors, and classes, like theory of international relations, in which the department randomly assigns the seniors to either the fall or spring section.

According to the Office of Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research, the

ratio of 29.5 political science majors to 1 faculty member surpassed that of all other departments during 1999-2000, with the exception of business administration, which is 33.3 to 1.

Many departments have more faculty members than political science, yet fewer majors. The department had 201 declared majors as of the Spring 2000 semester, while at the same time, the entire department had only 6.8 faculty, a number which includes adjuncts and full-time professors. The chemistry department had 47 majors, 8.7 faculty members and generated 3,209 student credit hours. The political science department generated 3,883 student credit hours.

According to Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, the measure of departmental need for new full-time positions is more complicated than the majors to faculty ratio.

"The determination of which department has the greatest need is not a simple or straightforward problem," Hall said.

Majors involving labs or studios require more faculty than major programs with primarily lecture or seminar courses. According to Hall, although some departments have few majors, they often need several faculty in order to cover all necessary topics.

Sixteen departments are currently doing 20 full-time faculty searches for the 2001-2002 school year, primarily to replace current faculty members who are leaving or retiring. The political science department, which gained a new full-time position this year filled by Michele Swers, assistant professor of political science, did not receive a new full-time position for next year.

The department has had to close many of its required upper-level classes to all students except senior political science or international affairs majors in order for students to graduate in four years.

"God forbid someone fails! Even if you're not in the position to fail, it's always in the back of your mind," said senior Jill Hamlin, a political science student representative.

Both Angarella and Hamlin said they like smaller classes in which the professor is able to facilitate better class discussion rather than relying solely on lecture.



Juliette Gomez/Bullet

Comparative government of Western Europe, a class required for majors, has 49 students.

Jack Kramer, chair of the department and distinguished professor of political science and international affairs, recognizes that the numbers of majors rising more rapidly than the faculty size poses a serious problem, but he feels the faculty is handling the situation well.

"We've got high class sizes, but we've got professors that really work with the students," Kramer said.

Stephen Farnsworth, assistant professor of political science, said that the education students are getting is a good value for their money. While Farnsworth said he has seen a fairly consistent rise in the number of political science majors since he began teaching at Mary Washington College in 1996, he said that the students are lucky they do not have

to sit in a large lecture hall for their introductory classes.

In order to keep the political science class sizes as small as possible, Kramer says the department offers two sections of most required classes. Both Kramer and Farnsworth acknowledge that more sections of required classes means that the department is not able to offer as many electives.

According to Hall, he and John Morello, assistant vice president for academic affairs, convert adjunct positions into full-time positions when money becomes available from the Virginia General Assembly. However, the salary for a full-time faculty member is greater than the combined salaries of the adjuncts a new full-time member would replace.

Before a Virginia public college can hire new faculty, the General Assembly must appropriate positions to that school. In 1996, President William Anderson persuaded the General Assembly to appropriate 30 positions to Mary Washington College.

However, the General Assembly appropriated money to fund only nine of the positions to date.

Kramer said that a primary reason the college's political science enrollment remains high is the location of the school.

According to Kramer, Mary Washington College students often come from politically oriented families in which parents work for the government or are in the military.

"It's a nice problem to have," he said.

Ratios Of Majors To Full-Time-Equivalent Faculty In Departments (1999-2000):

Business Admin.: 33.3:1
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